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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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For: METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING BLEACHED MECHANICAL AND
CHEMITHERMOMECHANICAL PULP

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 18, 2003, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for manufacturing bleached mechanical and chemithermomechanical pulp ~~including that~~ wherein lignocellulose material, preferably wood in chip form, is caused to pass through at least one preheater or through a chemical treatment system, and a steam separator, and then through at least one a refiner, each refiner followed by steam separation and being in series where there is more than one refiner, in which the lignocellulose material is converted to a pulp suspension which, subsequent to the most